

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 55-59 is gratefully acknowledged. The statement by the Examiner that claims 5, 7-15, 26 and 28-36 contain allowable subject matter is also gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 1, 7, 9, 10, 14, 22, 26, 28, 31, 35 and 47 have been amended. Claims 5, 6, 16-21, 27, 30, 41-46 and 48-54 have been canceled. The application contains claims 1-4, 7-15, 22-26, 28, 29, 31-40, 47 and 55-59. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and in other applications.

Claims 1-4, 6, 22-25, 27, 37-40 and 47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over alleged admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of Matsushita. Claims 5, 7-15, 26 and 28-36 stand objected to as depending upon rejected base claims, but are otherwise allowable. The rejection and objection are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from claim 5 and is believed to be allowable for at least the reasons set forth in the Office Action. Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and are allowable along with claim 1. Claims 7, 9, 10, 14, 26, 28, 31 and 35 has been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their respective base and intervening claims (if any) pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion. Claim 8 depends from claim 7 and is allowable along with claim 7. Claims 11-13 depend from claim 10 and is allowable along with claim 10. Claim 15 depends from claim 14 and is allowable along with claim 14. Claim 29 depends from claim 28 and is allowable along with claim 28. Claims 32, 33, 34 depend from claim 31 and are allowable along with claim 31. Claim 36 depends from claim 35 and is allowable along with claim 35.

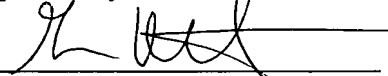
Claim 22 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from claim 30 and is believed to be allowable for at least the reasons set forth in the Office Action. Claims 23-25 and 37-40 depend from claim 22 and are allowable along with claim 22. Claim 47 has been amended to include allowable subject matter and is believed to be allowable for at least the reasons set forth in the Office Action.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection and objection be withdrawn and the pending claims allowed.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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